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TESTIMONY

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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

February 18, 2009

CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

Prop. H. B. 5557, "An Act Concerning Traffic on Residential and Collector Roads"

CCM supports this bill.

H.B. 5557 would provide towns and cities with a vehicle by which to help control noise on residential streets and preserve neighborhood vitality and harmony.

CCM urges the Committee to draft and favorably report this common sense proposal.

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Prop. S. B. 389, "An Act Revising the Date for Commencement of the Fiscal Year by Municipalities"

CCM thinks this proposal is an intriguing one. However, there needs to be more consideration given to things like municipalities' need to know state allocations before the school year begins, as well as the 14-month period before the date-change year.

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Prop. H. B. 6041, "An Act Concerning Hearings in Certain Assessment Appeals"

CCM opposes this bill as an unfunded state mandate.

CCM is concerned that this proposal is counter to providing towns and cities with more authority over local processes.

H.B. 6041 would likely have the effect of requiring additional hearings, which may result in additional local costs.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on this proposal.

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Prop. H. B. 5254, "An Act Concerning Extending the Time of Expiration of Certain Land Use Permits"

CCM is concerned that, under H.B. 5254, municipalities may lose protections for such things as infrastructure completion and maintenance for extended periods. Developers occasionally walk away from projects leaving towns to hold the bag; the longer permits are valid the greater the chance this may happen. On the other hand, an arbitrary drop dead date may result in projects being abandoned unnecessarily. It would make more sense to base the expiration period on a project's size and scale.

Any extensions beyond the initial expiration deadline (whether 8 years or 5 years) should remain discretionary.

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